

Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3627, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-2444. A copy of the Agency's Information Collection Request (ICR) supporting the need for the information collection requirements in the 13 Carcinogens Standard is available for inspection and copying in the Docket Office, or mailed on request by telephoning Todd R. Owen or Barbara Bielaski at (202) 693-2444. For electronic copies of the ICR on the 13 Carcinogens Standard, contact OSHA on the Internet at <http://www.osha-slc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing information collection requirements in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA-95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program ensures that information is in the desired format, reporting burden (time and costs) is minimal, collection instruments are clearly understood, and OSHA's estimate of the information collection burden is correct.

The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (the Act) authorizes information collection by employers as necessary or appropriate for enforcement of the Act or for developing information regarding the causes and prevention of occupational injuries, illnesses, and accidents. (29 U.S.C. 657.) In this regard, the information collection requirements in the 13 Carcinogens Standard provides protection for employees from the adverse health effects associated with occupational exposure to 13 carcinogenic chemicals. This information collection request (ICR) covers the following carcinogens: 4-Nitrobiphenyl (§ 1910.1003), alpha-Naphthylamine (§ 1910.1004), methyl chloromethyl ether (§ 1910.1006), 3,4-Dichlorobenzidine (and its salts) (§ 1910.1007), bis-Chloromethyl ether (§ 1910.1008), beta-Naphthylamine (§ 1910.1009), Benzidine (§ 1910.1010), 4-Aminodiphenyl (§ 1910.1011), Ethyleneimine (§ 1910.1012), beta-Propiolactone (§ 1910.1013), 2-Acetylaminofluorene (§ 1910.1014), 4-Dimethylaminoazo-benzene (§ 1910.1015), and N-Nitrosodimethylamine (§ 1910.1016).

II. Proposed Actions

OSHA proposes to extend the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the collections of information (paperwork) contained in the 13 Carcinogens Standard at 29 CFR 1910.1003, 1915.1003, 1926.1103.

The 13 Carcinogens Standard requires employers to develop signs and labels to warn employees about the hazards associated with the 13 carcinogens. Also, employers must notify OSHA Area Directors of new regulated areas, changes to regulated areas, and incidents that occur in regulated areas. Employers must establish and implement a medical surveillance program for employees assigned to enter regulated areas. This program must inform employees of their medical examination results and provide them with access to their medical records. In addition, employers must retain employee medical records for specified time periods and provide these records to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health under certain circumstances.

OSHA will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice, and will include this summary in the request to OMB to extend the approval of the information collection requirements contained in the 13 Carcinogens Standard.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved information collection requirements.

Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Title: The 13 Carcinogens Standard.

OMB Number: 1218-0085.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Federal government; state, local or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 97.

Frequency: On occasion.

Average Time per Response: Time per response ranges from approximately 5 minutes (for employers to maintain records) to 5 hours (for employers to develop emergency/incident reports).

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 2,798.

Estimated Cost: (Operation and Maintenance): \$86,226.

III. Authority and Signature

Charles N. Jeffress, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice. The authority for this notice is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506) and Secretary of Labor's Order No. 6-96 (62 FR 111).

Signed at Washington, DC, this 3 day of November 1999.

Charles N. Jeffress,

Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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MEDICARE PAYMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

Commission Meeting

AGENCY: Medicare Payment Advisory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Commission will hold its next public meeting on Thursday, November 18, 1999 and Friday, November 19, 1999 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 1250 22nd Street, NW, Washington, DC. The meeting is tentatively scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. on November 18, and 9 a.m. on November 19.

The Commission will discuss the home health prospective payment system, post acute care episode data and quality monitoring, disenrollment patterns in Medicare risk plans, Medicare+Choice plan cost analysis, rural Medicare policy issues, payments to teaching hospitals, a single update mechanism across ambulatory care settings, coverage of routine physicals, reforming payments to disproportionate share hospitals, and the care at the end of life date projects.

Agendas will be mailed on Monday, November 8, 1999. The final agenda will be available on the Commission's website (www.MedPAC.gov).

ADDRESSES: MedPAC's address is: 1730 K Street, NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20006. The telephone number is (202) 653-7220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane Ellison, Office Manager, (202) 653-7220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: If you are not on the Commission mailing list and wish to receive an agenda, please call (202) 653-7220.

Murray N. Ross,

Executive Director.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Carry Out a New Information Collection

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.